Oil meals and Ground Nuts, the quantity of exports have declines during 2000-01 as compared to 1999-2000. However, the unit value of exports, in rupee terms, has not declined in respect of all these items, except for Cashew & Ground Nuts during the same period.

Discussion with State Governments on WTO meet

970. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Fourth WTO Ministerial Conference is proposed to be held at Doha later this year;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to hold formal discussion with political parties and State Governments as to what stand has to be taken in the proposed conference; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The 4th WTO Ministerial Conference is scheduled to be held from 9th—13th November 2001 at Doha, Qatar.

(b) and (c) The Government have continuously been engaged in active consultations on WTO issues with all stakeholders including Political Parties and the State Governments. Various initiatives of the Government in this regard include national level consultations with the representatives of all Political Parties and with the State Food and Agriculture Ministers in September, 2000, discussions with the Hon'ble Members in the meeting of the Parliamentary Consultative Committee related to Department of Commerce held in February 2001, Workshop on WTO issues for all Chief Secretaries/ Administrators of States and Union Territories in March 2001, Conference of the Chief Ministers on WTO Agreement on Agriculture and Food Management held on 21.5.2001, and specific presentations by Government officials on WTO issues in the various Seminars and Workshops at various places in the country. Another workshop on WTO issues for the Chief Secretaries/Administrators of Governments of all States & Union Territories has been held on 26th

July, 2001. The Department has also offered to send resource pcrson(s) for any Seminar/Workshop on WTO related issues as may be organised by the Governments of the State/Union Territories.

Dispute over Dabhol Power Project

971. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:
SHRI J. CHITTARANJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dispute over the Dabhol Power Project has dampened the flow of Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) into the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The inflow of FDI during January to May, 2001 was Rs. 6747.94 crore, which is 14% higher than that received during the corresponding period in the year 2000 (Rs. 5918.93 crore).

Introduction of foreign technology in Indian Industry

972. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foriegn technology is also introduced in the Indian industry alongwith foreign capital investment;

(b) if so, the names of the traditional industries in the country wherein use of advanced foriegn technology has been encouraged, so far;

(c) whether it has resulted in higher production and lesser cost in these industries; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Between January 1991 to May 2001, 7,019 technical